

characteristic, an insemination sample having a low number of sperm, wherein at least 70 percent of said sperm have the desired sex characteristic, an insemination sample having a low number of sperm, wherein at least 80 percent of said sperm have the desired sex characteristic, and an insemination sample having a low number of sperm, wherein at least 90 percent of said sperm have the desired sex characteristic.

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Claim 191 (newly added).

A method of producing a mammal as described in claim 190 wherein said step of producing an offspring mammal comprises producing a predetermined sex ratio of fetuses.

REMARKS

A copy of the claims as amended under Article 34 during the PCT examination have been provided for the examiner's convenience. Claims 1-29 as allowed in the PCT have been amended as set out above. Additional new claims 183 to 191 have been added.

Claims 30-164 as amended and allowed in the PCT have been canceled, leaving only one original independent claim and its dependencies. In the original PCT application, an unusually large number of claims were presented in order to adequately claim the various aspects of the present invention(s) in dependent and alternatively independent fashions. Thus, the applicants have voluntarily reduced the number of claims to assist the examiners in their efforts to one independent claim (with the accompanying dependent claims and newly added claims) for consideration in this first application without waiving the right to add claims such as dependent claims already disclosed herein or to file other applications such as continuations, divisionals, or continuations in part.

The enclosed fee sheet is based on the claims remaining after this preliminary amendment.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-29 and newly added claims 183 -191 remain in the application. The applicant believes all the claims to be in condition for allowance.

